

Lansing Begins Inquiry Into Yasaka Sinking

FORD ON WAY HOME; CRUSADE IS PRESSING ON

Peace Leader, Ill and Discouraged, Sails from Bergen.

\$270,000 GIFT FOR PILGRIMS

Judge Lindsey Heads Committee of Four to Continue Plan.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)
Christiania, Dec. 24.—Henry Ford and his original "out-of-the-trenches-Christmas" peace plan are on the high seas to-day, bound for home. Christmas morning, the time limit set by Mr. Ford for the accomplishment of his herculean task of bringing about peace in Europe, will find Mr. Ford and his pilgrims separated by many miles of water and conflicting plans of procedure, while the soldiers still linger in the trenches.

The optimistic leader of the peace pilgrims who sailed from New York or December 4 is broken in health and confined to his cabin on board the Norwegian liner Bergensfjord, which sailed from Bergen this morning. With him is only one companion—the Rev. Samuel S. Marquis, dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, who has been his inseparable friend and confidant since the inception of the present crusade.

On the same ship Dr. Bernhard Dernburg and Marcus Braun returned to Europe last June, when the activities of the former had ceased to interest the United States. But the return of Mr. Ford does not mean the abandonment of the pilgrimage. Members of the party that sailed on the Oscar II are in Stockholm to-day carrying out plans for continuing their peace propaganda. The entire programme is in the hands of the Women's International Peace Association and will be financed by Mr. Ford.

Ford Makes Parting Gift.
A check for 1,000,000 kroner (\$270,000) was placed in the hands of Louis P. Lochner, of Chicago, who is acting as secretary to Mr. Ford, for the immediate needs of the party. It is not known what plans have been made for possible expenses that may arise in the future, but it is believed that Mr. Ford will continue to provide all the money that is needed.

A committee has been appointed to set as leader of the headless expedition into the war-ridden nations. The members of this general board for peace include Judge Ben Lindsey, of Denver; the Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, of Chicago; John D. Barry, of San Francisco; Lieutenant Governor Andrew J. Bieha of South Carolina and Mr. Lochner.

Officially ill health compelled Mr. Ford to give up the voyage that he undertook against the advice of personal friends and in the face of public ridicule. But members of his party feel that his almost unbounded enthusiasm swayed away when he found every official door closed to him when he reached Norway.

On arriving in Christiania Mr. Ford immediately began negotiations for an audience with the King. Failing in this, he tried to reach other officials who might be used as the foundation of an organization of neutrals that was expected to deal with the warring governments.

Worry Brings Breakdown.
When all these negotiations fell through the ill but discouraged pilgrim took to his hotel and refused to be seen. He gave out that he was temporarily indisposed and expected to be able to see callers soon. His non-appearance was a great disappointment to the Norwegian pilgrims who gathered before his hotel and clamored to see him.

Worry over this situation is credited with bringing about the physical breakdown that actually preceded Mr. Ford's sailing for home. When the date party was about to leave for Christiania yesterday it was noted that Mr. Ford was not among those who left Christiania, but it was thought that he had gone ahead to avoid meeting the curious throngs.

Meanwhile Mr. Ford had secretly taken a train in another direction. Without bidding farewell to other than his most intimate friends in the party, Mr. Ford departed for Bergen, where he boarded the New York-bound boat. The majority of the pilgrims did not know of the departure of their leader until he was far away from Christiania.

After it became generally known that Mr. Ford was no longer with them leaders in the peace pilgrimage gave out this statement:

"The illness of Mr. Ford, while not dangerous, is serious. His doctor confidently asserts that there is no organic disease, but that there is urgent need of rest. The doctor is hopeful that the relief from responsibility for the expedition will speedily restore him to normal health."

That Mr. Ford has not actually abandoned hope of taking a personal hand in the peace pilgrimage is evident.

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Star, to Sound of Trumpets, Sheds Christmas Light on City

Thousands Surround Tree in Madison Square as Hymns, Carols, Chimes and Band While Hours to Midnight.

The breath of the Christmas spirit blew upon the tip of the Madison Square tree of light last evening and quickened the cinder-hued star which crowned it into a five-pointed coal of white fire. High above the gloom of the park, high above the faces of the crowd who had journeyed thither, magi-like, the Star of Bethlehem shone resplendent after its year of slumber, while in the stand below white-coated trumpeters blew fanfares to the north, south, east and west, announcing the advent of the Christmastide.

Long before the appointed time thousands had gathered in the square. While the short winter dusk was still falling the railings about the tree were swarming with the followers of the star, wise men and foolish, rich and poor; shop girls, worn by the ordeal of the last weeks; no less exhausted parents, with bundles under one arm and a wide-eyed child clasped with the other; folk of a dozen races and tongues—all gathered to welcome Christmas.

In the gloom which the air lights could not disperse the splendid fire towered, a sombre cone, its apex capped with something that bulked dark against the sky. From the widespread branches came the clean odor of resin, faint in the smell of the city. The tips of the limbs swayed a little in a breeze which carried the roar of Broadway.

Great Crowd Silent.
The crowd waited and swelled while the sky grew dark, their eyes on the bright arms of the great clock in the Metropolitan tower. On all four sides of the square the streets were flooded with yellow light and filled with the noise of traffic sweeping up from the lower city toward home and the ceremony of stocking hanging.

Here in the park things were dark and quiet. The brooding tree seemed to influence the crowd, and they waited, hushed and expectant, eyes on the golden minute hand of the clock, which crept toward half-past 5. Black shapes hurrying away from the brilliant streets joined the throng, until it seemed as though the walks of the square could hold no more.

Then, far above, from the height of the mighty tower, a chime spoke softly again and again, and above the Madison Square Presbyterian Church a cross leaped into flame. Four trumpeters in the stand below the first chord of their fanfare.

The star above the dark branches glimmered, and as the brazen music sounded louder, glowed ever more brightly. A murmur swept across the square. Some one started to clap and his neighbors hushed him into silence. Somewhere a child laughed gleefully.

For a moment after the trumpet song had died away there was stillness, brooded over by the shining star. Then from across the park came the sound of music.

"Oh come all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,"
Down the steps of the church trooped the chorus, headed by a band. Across the park they marched, voices rising clearer and clearer on the still air.

"Oh come ye, oh come ye, to Bethlehem!"
At the foot of the great fir, a dozen

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BOY, 8, KILLED AMONG CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Truck Crushes Him Under the Greenery He Saved to Buy.
With eight pennies he had saved by denying himself candy for a week, Nicolo Caccia, six years old, prepared yesterday for a Christmas he was not to see.

Nicolo's father, Joseph, makes a living selling coal in winter and ice in summer from a cellar at 304 West 135th Street. The little family of four live in two rear rooms. A week ago Nicolo decided that it would be very pretty to decorate the two windows facing the backyard with wreaths of Christmas greens. His little brother, a year younger, was taken into his confidence.

They returned with the Christmas wreaths yesterday afternoon. As they crossed the street at Eighth Avenue and 135th Street, a coal truck ran over Nicolo, killing him. His little brother jumped to the sidewalk. From a distance he saw his mother coming, her arms full of Christmas delicacies.

Nicolo's body was carried to the West 135th Street police station. There Mrs. Caccia fainted. The driver of the truck was not arrested.

ACTRESS DOES A \$4,000 FALL

Plunge from Tree Not in "Movie" Scenario, but Jury Makes Award.
It was not in the scenario of "The Bogus Baron" that Miss Celie Ellis (real name) should fall from a tree and break two bones in her ankle. And neither was it written that she was to get \$4,000 for the fall. That was written into the scenario yesterday by a jury in the Supreme Court.

This little Christmas gift was awarded to the "movie" actress because of the negligence of the Crystal Film Company, by whom she was employed, in selecting for the act a tree that had large hard, protruding roots, on which Miss Ellis fell.

DRAGO A DRAGO, NOT A FORD

Don Giovanni Says Wife Gave Trifling \$2,000 for Relief Work.
Signor Don Giovanni del Drago was not asked to comment upon world peace in its relation to the Norwegian fjords. Interviewers had rushed to the Hotel Gotham to ask him about the report from Rome of Mrs. Josephine del Drago's \$2,000,000 contribution to the Queen of Italy for relief work among families of combatants.

"We are not ridiculous people—we are not Fords," exclaimed Signor del Drago. "You make me like Ford, and I am not Ford."

"Now, gentlemen, take down this statement," Among the contributions that Mrs. Josephine del Drago has made to Red Cross and other charitable funds of the various nations engaged in war is one of two thousand dollars to an institution under the auspices of the Queen of Italy for the relief of war sufferers. The figure of \$2,000,000 given by several newspapers is evidently an error in transmission."

MA BAKES MITCHELL PUDDING

Plum Dainty Is Climax of Mayor's Christmas Dinner.
Mayor Mitchell's mother is as famous for her plum puddings as ex-President Taft's aunt is for her pumpkin pies. One of Mother Mitchell's puddings will be the final glory of the Mayor's Christmas dinner. He and Mrs. Mitchell will dine with his mother-to-day at her home, 447 West 162d Street. Dinner will be served at 1 p. m.

With his wife the Mayor will spend Christmas night at home. It is one of the few nights in the year that the Mayor refuses all invitations.

FRICK TO PAY OFF CHILDREN'S DEPOSITS

Pittsburgh Pupils Will Not Lose Money in Defunct Bank.
[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Pittsburgh, Dec. 24.—The closing of the Pittsburgh Bank for Savings cast a gloom over the 40,000 school children in Pittsburgh who had accounts aggregating \$170,000 deposited in the broken bank. H. C. Frick lightened the gloom to-day when he sent a Christmas message through H. C. McKidowney, president of the Union Trust Company, that he would pay off the accounts of the school children in full. Mr. Frick's proposal was put before G. H. Getty, the receiver of the bank. He immediately got into communication with the State Bank Examiner and the Attorney General, who gave the receiver permission to aid Mr. Frick in the settlement.

The principals of the various schools will be asked to aid in securing a prompt settlement for the school children, so they can have their money by the first of the year.

The custom of obtaining savings from the school children has been carried on here for a long time, and the Pittsburgh Bank for Savings had agents visit the schools at stated intervals to accept the children's deposits.

BERNHARDT REPORTS SHE IS RECOVERING

But Says Doctors Won't Let Her Go to America.
Paris, Dec. 24.—The "Petit Journal" publishes a telegram received from Sarah Bernhardt, who is at her home in Andernos, near Bordeaux, relative to her reported illness. Her message is quoted as follows:

"I was suddenly stopped, while 'Les Cathedrales' was in full tide of success, by congestion of the lungs. I thought myself cured and came back to Paris too soon, where I had a relapse, but I am again recovering."

"Mrs. Pozzi, Michel and Obissier will not allow me to leave for America, but will permit me to go to England in a week's time."

PEACE ATTACK ON "MOVIE"

Brooklyn Principal Who Favored Anti-War Song Denounces Defence Picture.
Alexander Fiehlender, a Brooklyn school principal, who recently objected to war and preparations for it by having school children sing "I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier," now objects to the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences for showing a motion picture play, "The Battle Cry of Peace."

"I have met a large number of the Institute members," he said last night, "who believe there is absolutely no danger of any such hostilities as this motion picture depicts. Many believe that the present call for preparedness is directly connected with the hunger of our munition makers for more profits." His protest, however, has had no effect upon the organization, which is made up of representative citizens of Brooklyn. The picture will continue to be shown.

Has Tree for Her Horses

Winsted, Conn., Dec. 24. Miss Katherine Haddock, of Norfolk, a great admirer of horses, has provided a Christmas tree for her steeds. The tree is in the barn and has gay decorations of blue, red and yellow ribbons. It also bears small bundles of hay, large sugar lumps, bits of candy and little bags of oats.

WIFE, IN RAID, DANIELS PARED RETAKES BABY NAVAL REPORT

Mrs. Wyckoff Outwits Husband by Wild Auto Ride. Experts Wanted 40 Dreadnoughts, Secretary 16.

WAYSIDE HOUSE NOW BESIEGED

Father Wins Night Dash to State Line, but Woman's Guards Foil Him.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)
Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 24.—Years hence, when tiny Sanford Wyckoff has added a hundred or two to his present sixteen months, he probably will be told of the wild night ride over the Greenwich highways during which he was a silent but most important principal.

Two groups are watching the home of Judge William L. Tierney, at Indian Harbor, Conn. Within tiny Sanford is ruling the household with an iron hand. Every movement he makes, every cry he utters, is tabulated on the minds of his anxious parents, who are spending sleepless hours on the Tierney doorstep.

But tiny Sanford isn't the only one who is being watched. His father, Spofford F. Wyckoff, a wealthy creosote manufacturer, is watching his mother, Ella Vera Wyckoff. Mrs. Wyckoff has also adopted a policy of watchful waiting that dates back to the hour of 2 this morning.

Mother Captures Child

Little Sanford was stopping with his father at the home of Mrs. William Chamberlain, of Stamford, Conn., until midnight yesterday. Then Mrs. Wyckoff, who is young and pretty, without announcing herself, entered the Chamberlain home and left little Sanford's bed empty. Accompanied by her cousin, Judge Tierney, a lawyer and two detectives, Mrs. Wyckoff ordered her chauffeur to rush the little party across the New York State line. But Mr. Wyckoff spoiled the plot by taking a hand in it himself, and two machines tore up state roads for a distance of many miles, one mile per minute, until the father overtook his quarry, near Judge Tierney's residence. Wyckoff was not in sufficient force to retake his child.

Mrs. Wyckoff decided that Judge Tierney's home might not offer such a bad retreat for the tiny point of contest. Leaving his trusty lieutenants behind, the father aroused Secretary of State Burnes from a comfortable bed.

"They took the child by force," said Mr. Wyckoff. "I struggled desperately, but I was outnumbered."

Secretary Burnes hastened with the father and served injunction papers on the mother and party of friends. Mrs. Wyckoff was not to be outdone, however. She planted herself and party of friends firmly on the front door steps and wait until her husband got tired of staying around. Not knowing what was on his wife's mind, Mr. Wyckoff decided to do the same. They are still there, according to latest advices from the front.

Pair Were Secretly Wedded

Mr. and Mrs. Wyckoff were secretly married while the former was a student at Yale University. Announcement of the wedding was made in 1913. Mrs. Wyckoff was Miss Vera Bailey, a Brooklyn contractor. Mr. Wyckoff is a large stockholder in the Wyckoff Pipe and Casing Company, of New York, which his father founded.

Though generally a woman is supposed to have the last word, Mr. Wyckoff so-day assumed that prerogative. He fired a long distance shot by publishing in local papers that he would not be responsible for bills or debts contracted by his wife, she "having left his bed and board from the firing line."

A late bulletin from the firing line says that Constable Jones has been sent to the scene of hostilities as to who should get tiny Sanford Wyckoff.

FRENCH SANTA A GRENADEER

Orders 100,000,000 Shells To Be Made in U. S.
Contracts for 100,000,000 shell grenades for the French government, it was announced here, were placed yesterday with a syndicate of Eastern Pennsylvania and Ohio firms.

The shells of the grenades are made of cast iron. It is not known whether the explosive contents will be placed in the shells in this country or in France.

The Graphic Section

The dreadnoughts of our navy manœuvring in a heavy sea and an eighty-six-year-old Englishwoman peacefully sewing by the hearth for her Tommy Atkins, dancing about a Christmas tree for the President's grandchild and "A Merry Christmas" most anywhere in Europe—there are some of fifty pictures of what goes on in this world of ours. They come to you with the big sixteen-page Graphic Section to-morrow.

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VIENNA SEEKS TO PREVENT BREAK, IS BURIAN'S MESSAGE TO LANSING

London, Dec. 24.—A message from Baron Burian, Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, to Baron Zwiadinek, Austro-Hungarian Chargé d'Affaires at Washington, is circulated in London to-day by the Wireless Press. It is dated Vienna, and was picked up in England on its transit by wireless telegraphy to the United States. The communication reads as follows:

"The American note was handed over to me on the 21st. Tell the Secretary of State the answer we are now preparing will be guided by the same concern for good relations between both countries as mentioned by the Federal government. In consequence of the Christmas holidays our answer cannot be expected before next week."

London Hides Grimness Under Mask of Festivity

Troops, Throwing Aside Trench Sombreness, Make Merry on Furlough—But Paris, Shunning Gayety, Spends War Christmas.

By ARTHUR S. DRAPER.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)
London, Dec. 24.—London to-day is one of the world's great puzzles. Probably never before have 7,000,000 of people deliberately sat down to give a piece of opera comique. No Christmas has ever seen London streets so crowded. The contents of the shops on the fashionable thoroughfares would pay for the cost of many days of war at \$25,000,000 a day. Turkey is fetching record prices and wine merchants are worked almost to death because of the limited hours of sale. Even the slums and the gin palaces packed to suffocation. Bond Street was never so full of luxurious automobiles, and the women never before have bought such expensive furs.

London appears to be a city lost in prosperity. All this is part of the real tragedy. Under the surface one finds that all these persons are moved by tragedy. The fine lady buying Christmas presents in Piccadilly is very like the savage daughters of the French Revolution. Though its breath is of outward cheerfulness, London to-day is the grimmest city in the world. Partly on account of the children's festival and partly because of self-respect, Londoners have formed a deep compulsion to keep Christmas on a most flamboyant scale. It is relief from their frame of mind.

Whole Nation Is Changed.
A year ago the war had not aroused the average Englishman to any considerable extent beyond the annoyance that some one had dared to attack him, plus the conviction that the enemy must be thoroughly licked, whoever had to do it. This second Christmas finds the nation in armistice to the quick, filled with the sole determination to see it through to a finish.

There is no other thought in England.

KAISER JOINS FAMILY IN CHRISTMAS FETE

Attends Hohenzollern Tree in Potsdam Palace.
Berlin, Dec. 24.—Emperor William, because his indisposition, was able to attend Christmas this year with his family at Potsdam. A slight inflammation of the cellular tissues, about which no further bulletin has been issued, confines him to his apartments, but not to bed. He was able to be present at the Hohenzollern family Christmas tree. The ceremonies were held as usual this Christmas Eve in the big hall in the new palace at Potsdam.

The Emperor, the Empress, their daughter, their daughters-in-law and grandchildren each had an individual Christmas tree, graduated in size, on which his or her gifts were arranged, and also gifts for the sons unable to leave the front.

Before the family Christmas tree celebration at the palace each prince attended Christmas exercises, and later supervised the distribution of gifts at public celebrations held under her special patronage.

POPE ADDS PEACE PLEA TO LITANY

European Socialists Discuss Steps to End Hostilities.
Rome, Dec. 24.—Pope Benedict, replying to-day to the Christmas address and greeting extended on behalf of the Sacred College by Cardinal Vannutelli, feelingly alluded to the "terrible war in Europe" and spoke of the immense carnage and cruelties as unprecedented in history. The Pontiff again expressed an ardent desire for peace, and said that in conformity with the wishes of many of the faithful he had consented to add the words "Queen of Peace, pray for us" to the Litany of Loreto, and the Emperor, the Empress, their daughter, their daughters-in-law and grandchildren each had an individual Christmas tree, graduated in size, on which his or her gifts were arranged, and also gifts for the sons unable to leave the front.

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528,227 BRITISH LOST, ASQUITH ANNOUNCES

387,988 on West Front and 144,555 at Dardanelles.
London, Dec. 24.—Premier Asquith to-day gave the total British casualties up to December 9 as 528,227. His detailed figures corrected the figures concerning losses at the Dardanelles, given yesterday in the House of Commons. At that time the casualties up to December 11 were given as 112,921, a smaller total than the Premier gave to-day for the operations to December 9.

The casualties were distributed as follows:

FLANDERS AND FRANCE.		OTHER THEATERS.	
Killed.	Wounded.	Killed.	Wounded.
12,941	9,941	1,667	24,371
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ARABS DROVE BRITISH OUT OF EGYPT POST

London Learns That Sollum Withdrawal Was Forced.
London, Dec. 25.—Details of the evacuation of Sollum, on the Tripoli-Egyptian frontier, announced at the end of November, tend to show that the situation was more serious than the reports made apparent. At the time it was reported that the smaller frontier posts at Sollum and Sidi Barrania had been concentrated at Matruh to avoid possible friction with the Arab tribes.

The Exchange Telegraph Company now reports that a strong Arab force attacked the Sollum garrison, while a German submarine appeared and began shelling a small detachment of from sixty to eighty Egyptian troops under a British officer, and that they were compelled to retire with about twenty casualties. The rest of the men withdrew in good order to the new base at Matruh.

After returning to the embassy, the chargé spent half an hour preparing a

VIENNA WOULD ARGUE ANCONA CASE IN COURT

Purposes to Suggest Arbitration, Is Report.

NEW TANGLE MAY DEVELOP

Destruction of Japanese Liner May Complicate Ancona Issue.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)
Washington, Dec. 24.—The United States has begun an inquiry into the sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru, torpedoed in the Mediterranean last Tuesday. Prompt action has followed the receipt of reports that the vessel was sent down by an Austrian submarine without warning, thus putting in jeopardy the life of an American citizen on board.

The State Department to-day cabled instructions to Edward Lyell Bristow, consular agent at Port Said, Egypt, where the survivors are reported to have landed. Mr. Bristow is asked to gather and forward promptly all available details and other consular agents in the neighborhood will be requested to report as soon as possible all facts which they can learn. The consular general at Paris will also be asked to report, for a French gunboat rescued the survivors.

Should official verification of the reports be received the matter will be made the subject of further diplomatic correspondence with Austria-Hungary. Officials made no attempt to-night to conceal the fact that the sinking of the Yasaka Maru, under the alleged circumstances, would seriously complicate the negotiations over the sinking of the Ancona, which already has threatened to result in the breaking off of diplomatic relations.

Will Urge Arbitration.
Vienna dispatches indicating a considerable lessening of the tension over the Ancona note, and predicting that a way of amicable settlement could be found were received with deep interest here to-day and cause an increasing air of optimism. At the same time a report from German sources gave a tentative outline of what may be expected in the Austrian reply. According to this report Austria will offer: Assurances similar to those given by Germany after the Arabic incident.

A suggestion to submit the whole question of the legality of the attack on the Ancona to an international court of naval experts.

Promises to make full reparation and apologies if the verdict of that court is adverse to her.

State Department officials refused to comment on this report or to indicate how such proposals would be received. Further than to reiterate the statement that there would be no backing down from the demands expressed in the first note to Vienna.

Follows German Lines

Close followers of the international situation, however, point out that such a reply would follow closely the lines of German diplomacy. Vienna, any with the United States, and many believe that this government will follow the course it took then.

While such a reply would not meet in any essential way the American demands for disavowal, reparation and the punishment of the officer responsible, it might be interpreted as affording concessions to warrant further discussion. Thus they fear that the Ancona case will take its place beside the Lusitania, and that there will be many months of negotiations, with the same unsatisfactory result.

If the State Department becomes convinced that the Yasaka Maru was torpedoed without warning, fresh representations will be made to Vienna. Assurances that the practice shall cease will be demanded and the whole subject of submarine warfare will be taken up and threshed out with Vienna. This would afford the last detail in putting the debate with Austria on the same footing as with Germany.

Zwiadinek Sees Lansing

Baron Zwiadinek, the Austro-Hungarian chargé d'affaires, called on Secretary of State Lansing to-day and is understood to have assured him that Austria wished no break with this country and would give assurances as to her conduct of naval warfare if they were asked. He discussed the belief that the liner had been warned before being torpedoed, although he had no advice from his government on the subject.

The United States does not contemplate entering into extended diplomatic exchanges over the Ancona case. Unless some good reason presents itself for further negotiations, the United States, it is said, will consider as final the reply to its second note, which Baron Zwiadinek informed Secretary Lansing to-day probably would arrive some time before Wednesday.

After returning to the embassy, the chargé spent half an hour preparing a